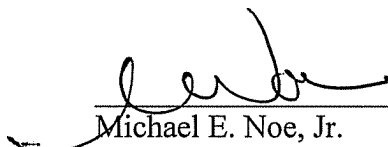


REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the suggestions offered by the Examiner to overcome the rejections of Claims 6 and 7. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the language of canceled Claim 6, and has added new Claims 15 – 23. New independent Claim 15 includes the language of Claims 1 and 7, while dependent Claims 16 – 23 essentially track the language of the preceding dependent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. In the event that additional fees are required, the commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to **Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587**.

Respectfully submitted,



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